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PREFACE

The ***2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates*** reports the requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund to fund the operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2014. Together with the *2014-15 Government Estimates*, this document identifies the total requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund for the year.

This **Preface** provides a summary of the various kinds of information presented, an overview of the appropriations process, definitions of supply votes and selected terms, and a summary of any major changes in organization.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** illustrates how the supply votes will be presented in the schedule to the *Appropriation Act, 2014* to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary information is provided in the following tables:

- Voted Spending by Office,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted by Office, and
- Full Time Equivalent Employment.

The **details provided for each office** presents information on amounts for each office to be drawn from the General Revenue Fund as required by section 24 of the *Financial Administration Act*. The details include the following information, as applicable:

- Amount to be Voted,
- Supplementary Financial Information (including a statement of objective and services provided),
- Voted Spending by Program,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted,
- Operational Statement, and
- Capital Plan Spending (where applicable).

Appropriations from the General Revenue Fund

In Alberta, the supply process is governed by the conventions and legal requirements of the Canadian Constitution, Alberta's *Financial Administration Act*, and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

When the *2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, it will be moved to Committee of Supply. The Standing Orders direct that Committee of Supply will vote on the report without debate or amendment. The supply votes as approved by the resolutions of Committee of Supply will be drafted into the *Appropriation Act, 2014 Bill* introduced to the Legislative Assembly. Once this bill is enacted by royal assent, the Legislative Assembly and its Offices will have the authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund up to the limits of the supply votes set out in the *Act*.

The *2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* details the estimated amounts required by each office for the coming year. Each Office's estimate amounts are divided into:

- those that require authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund under a supply vote pursuant to an appropriation act, and
- those that do not require a supply vote because no cash disbursement is required.

Most non-cash amounts are for expenses related to cash disbursed under a supply vote in a prior fiscal year. For example, amortization expense is related to the cash disbursements authorized under a capital supply vote when the capital asset was acquired. Other non-cash amounts are for transactions that will not require cash, such as the year-over-year changes in vacation benefit liabilities.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

An **Estimate** is the amount requested by an Office of the Legislative Assembly to meet each of its planned commitments for the fiscal year. The *Financial Administration Act* requires the *2014-15 Office of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* to report estimates of any amount that will require a cash withdrawal from the General Revenue Fund during the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2014.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation from the 2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates that defines the amount of cash funding that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose. Unlike government departments, each office's cash funding requirements for any and all operational, capital and financial transactions requirements are combined in a single vote for each Office and the Assembly itself.

An **Appropriation** is an authorization to withdraw and expend public money from the General Revenue Fund or another provincial fund or account. The *Financial Administration Act* requires that all such authorities be provided in legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly. Appropriations may be created by an appropriation act or under an existing statute. Appropriations under an appropriation act must be created pursuant to a supply vote, or a set of supply votes, as resolved by the Committee of Supply.

Operational amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of program spending on salaries, supplies and services, or grants.

Capital amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of investments in capital assets valued at $2,500 or more for the Legislative Assembly itself and $5,000 or more for the Offices, or grants for capital purposes.

Financial Transactions are cash disbursements for the purposes of payments for the reduction of a liability (including debt repayment), expenses to be recognized in a future year, the acquisition of financial assets, or the acquisition of inventories.

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Organization and Budget Presentation Methodology

The *2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* reflect the organization of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices as of April 1, 2014. This report uses the same budget presentation methodology applied in the *2014-15 Government Estimates*, and the amounts presented in this report are consolidated within the *Budget 2014 Fiscal Plan*.

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
SUPPLY VOTES AS PRESENTED IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL

OFFICE and VOTE		2014-15 Estimate
Support to the Legislative Assembly	$	69,415,000
Office of the Auditor General	$	27,300,000
Office of the Ombudsman	$	3,349,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	$	6,517,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	$	973,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	$	6,983,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	$	12,502,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	$	1,274,000
Total amount to be voted under section 1 of the *Appropriation Act, 2014*	$	128,313,000

VOTED SPENDING BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		55,193	67,249	59,795	**66,011**
Office of the Auditor General		24,863	26,075	26,085	**27,045**
Office of the Ombudsman		2,828	3,359	3,199	**3,349**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		17,109	5,133	3,982	**6,017**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner		770	967	869	**973**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		6,165	6,757	6,757	**6,983**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate		9,985	12,149	11,895	**12,427**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner		-	1,460	1,158	**1,274**
	Sub-total	116,913	123,149	113,740	**124,079**
CAPITAL					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		1,997	3,822	3,964	**3,127**
Office of the Auditor General		293	560	550	**255**
Office of the Ombudsman		92	-	75	**-**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		507	550	618	**500**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner		43	-	25	**-**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		16	110	110	**-**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate		142	75	75	**75**
	Sub-total	3,090	5,117	5,417	**3,957**
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		283	350	350	**277**
Total		120,286	128,616	119,507	**128,313**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED BY OFFICE

OPERATIONAL					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		1,855	350	1,922	**277**
Office of the Auditor General		342	295	295	**370**
Office of the Ombudsman		43	28	34	**56**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		592	650	650	**685**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner		33	14	15	**25**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		57	64	64	**74**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate		250	215	343	**369**
Total		3,172	1,616	3,323	**1,856**

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

	Comparable 2013-14 Budget	**2014-15 Estimate**
Support to the Legislative Assembly	351	**407**
Office of the Auditor General	142	**148**
Office of the Ombudsman	25	**25**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	18	**19**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	4	**4**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	42	**42**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	61	**61**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	5	**8**
Total	648	**714**

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Support to the Legislative Assembly

THE HONOURABLE GENE ZWOZDESKY
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

W.J. DAVID McNEIL
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	57,473	71,421	64,109	**69,415**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings, and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone, and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances, living expenses, and contributions for retirement investment plans to or on behalf of Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of premiums for health and disability benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of expenses associated with the redevelopment of the Edmonton Federal Building for space to be occupied by the Legislative Assembly (in addition to costs borne by Alberta Infrastructure).

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			
		2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	17,217	22,303	19,815	**22,645**
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	31,135	36,431	32,310	**35,269**
3	Government Members' Services	2,961	3,318	3,170	**3,033**
4	Official Opposition Services	2,109	2,248	2,248	**2,309**
5	Liberal Opposition Services	859	827	827	**849**
6	NDP Opposition Services	731	754	754	**774**
7	Alberta Caucus Services	12	-	-	-
8	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Allen, MLA)	-	-	126	**183**
9	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Sandu, MLA)	-	-	157	-
10	MLA Compensation Review	169	-	-	-
11	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	-	323	388	**544**
12	Employee Market Adjustment Contingency	-	1,045	-	-
13	Contingency Funding: Possible Changes in Remuneration	-	-	-	**405**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	1,880	50	1,483	**150**
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	73	126	100	**126**
4	Official Opposition Services	44	-	-	-
11	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	-	3,646	2,381	**2,851**
ACQUISITION OF INVENTORY					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	283	350	350	**277**
Total		57,473	71,421	64,109	**69,415**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE					
	NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
	Amortization	1,414	-	1,414	-
	Consumption of inventory	283	350	350	**277**
	Valuation adjustments	158	-	158	-
Total		1,855	350	1,922	**277**

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Other Premiums, Fees and Licences	2	1	1	**2**
Other Revenue	607	323	317	**314**
Total	609	324	318	**316**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	57,048	67,599	61,717	**66,288**
Net Operational Result	(56,439)	(67,275)	(61,399)	**(65,972)**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	1,997	3,822	3,964	**3,127**

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Office of the Auditor General

MERWAN N. SAHER
Auditor General

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General is to serve Albertans by conducting comprehensive risk-based audits that provide independent assessments to help the Legislative Assembly hold government accountable.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL	25,156	26,635	26,635	**27,300**

VISION

Adding value through expert auditing.

OBJECTIVE

To serve the Legislative Assembly and Albertans by examining and reporting publicly on government's management of, and accountability practices for, the public resources entrusted to it. Under the *Auditor General Act*, the Auditor General is the auditor of all government ministries, departments, funds and provincial agencies.

To succeed we must be, and be seen to be, independent and accountable.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Office's core business is legislative auditing done through six lines of interrelated but separately distinguishable audit work:

1. **Financial statements**—providing assurance on the quality of the recurring financial reporting to the Legislative Assembly of 150 entities, including the government's consolidated financial statements.
2. **Compliance with laws**—identifying and reporting publicly if there has been non-compliance with the law.
3. **Performance measures**—reporting on the reliability, understandability, comparability, and completeness of selected performance measures.
4. **Results analysis**—developing a methodology to add credibility to management's analysis of performance.
5. **Systems**
   - **Stand-alone audits**—answering the question for major programs or initiatives, "Does the organization have the systems to accomplish its goals, including procedures to measure and report on effectiveness?"
   - **By-products of other audits**—recommending how to improve governance and accountability, internal control over financial management, information technology, or performance reporting.
6. **Research and advice**—researching to understand issues or to identify best practices. At the request of an organization of which the Office is the auditor, or a Committee of the Assembly, the Office may provide advice on a proposed course of action or a matter being studied.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Auditor General	24,863	26,075	26,085	**27,045**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
1 Office of the Auditor General	293	560	550	**255**
Total	25,156	26,635	26,635	**27,300**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	342	295	295	**370**

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Audit Services to Non-Government Organizations	2,455	2,450	1,100	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Auditor General	25,205	26,370	26,380	**27,415**
Net Operational Result	(22,750)	(23,920)	(25,280)	**(27,415)**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
Office of the Auditor General	293	560	550	**255**

Office of the Ombudsman

PETER HOURIHAN
Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman promotes fairness in administrative actions of Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	2,920	3,359	3,274	**3,349**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent and impartial investigations into complaints from people who believe that they have been treated unfairly through the administrative actions or decisions of Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services.

To provide recommendations as warranted.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates and conducts investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Offers education/training to assist Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services in developing policy and procedures that enhance administrative fairness.

Offers outreach services across Alberta to increase/enhance awareness of the Office of the Alberta Ombudsman.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within his jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Ombudsman	2,828	3,359	3,199	**3,349**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
1 Office of the Ombudsman	92	-	75	**-**
Total	2,920	3,359	3,274	**3,349**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	8	28	34	**56**
Valuation adjustments	35	-	-	**-**
Total	43	28	34	**56**

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Other Revenue	1	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Ombudsman	2,871	3,387	3,233	**3,405**
Net Operational Result	(2,870)	(3,387)	(3,233)	**(3,405)**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
Office of the Ombudsman	92	-	75	-

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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

GLEN RESLER
Chief Electoral Officer

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	17,616	5,683	4,600	**6,517**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates, party leadership contests and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, third party advertisers and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
1 Corporate Services	3,490	4,293	3,982	**4,549**
2 Elections	13,619	840	-	**1,468**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
1 Corporate Services	507	550	618	**500**
Total	17,616	5,683	4,600	**6,517**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	600	650	650	**685**
Valuation adjustments	(8)	-	-	**-**
Total	592	650	650	**685**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Other Revenue	69	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	17,701	5,783	4,632	**6,702**
Net Operational Result	(17,632)	(5,783)	(4,632)	**(6,702)**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	507	550	618	**500**

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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

NEIL R. WILKINSON
Ethics Commissioner

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act* and the lobbyists registry under the *Lobbyists Act*. The Office also has responsibility for administering the Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest directive for designated senior officials.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER	813	967	894	**973**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials of the government with advice and recommendations regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest from the public and from elected Members.

To create and maintain a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Promotes the understanding by Members of the Legislative Assembly of their obligations under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, by senior officials of their obligations under the directive issued by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, and by the public of conflict of interest obligations of Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials.

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior government officials regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides advice and recommendations on matters respecting obligations of the Members of the Legislative Assembly under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, and of senior officials pursuant to the directive of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Ethics Commissioner	770	967	869	**973**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
1 Office of the Ethics Commissioner	43	-	25	-
Total	813	967	894	**973**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	30	14	15	**25**
Valuation adjustments	3	-	-	-
Total	33	14	15	**25**

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	803	981	884	**998**
Net Operational Result	(803)	(981)	(884)	**(998)**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	43	-	25	-

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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

JILL CLAYTON
Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	6,181	6,867	6,867	**6,983**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

VISION

A society that values and respects access to information and personal privacy.

OBJECTIVE

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta (the Commissioner) is an independent Officer of the Legislature and reports directly to the Legislative Assembly.

Through the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), the Commissioner performs the legislative and regulatory responsibilities set out in the following laws:

- the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP),
- the *Health Information Act* (HIA), and
- the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA)

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Commissioner is generally responsible for monitoring the administration of these laws (the Acts) to ensure their purposes are achieved. More specifically, the Commissioner's statutory powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Providing independent review and resolution on requests for review of responses to access to information requests and complaints related to the collection, use and disclosure of personal and health information.
- Conducting investigations on any matters relating to the application of the Acts, whether or not a review/complaint is requested.
- Conducting inquiries to decide questions of fact and law and issuing binding orders, whether or not a review is requested.
- Receiving comments from the public concerning the administration of the Acts.
- Giving advice and recommendations of general application respecting the rights or obligations of stakeholders under the Acts.
- Engaging in or commissioning research into any matter affecting the achievement of the purposes of the Acts.
- Commenting on the implications for freedom of information or for protection of personal privacy of proposed legislative schemes and existing or proposed programs.
- Commenting on the implications for access to or protection of health information.
- Commenting on the privacy and security implications of using or disclosing personal and health information for record linkages or for the purpose of performing data matching.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,165	6,757	6,757	**6,983**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	16	110	110	-
Total	6,181	6,867	6,867	**6,983**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	56	64	64	**74**
Loss on disposal of capital assets	1	-	-	-
Total	57	64	64	**74**

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Refund of Expenses	23	-	-	-
Other Revenue	1	-	-	-
Total	24	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,222	6,821	6,821	**7,057**
Net Operational Result	(6,198)	(6,821)	(6,821)	**(7,057)**

CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	16	110	110	-

ALBERTA

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

DEL GRAFF
Child and Youth Advocate

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate champions for child and youth rights, amplifies child and youth voices, and fosters child and youth participation.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE	10,127	12,224	11,970	**12,502**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate provides individual and systemic advocacy services for children and youth in the child intervention and youth criminal justice systems. The Advocate investigates systemic issues arising from serious injury to or death of a child receiving a designated service. In carrying out this function, the Advocate will have the powers of the Commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*. The Advocate may appoint lawyers to represent children with respect to any proceeding under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* and the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Advocating on behalf of individual children and youth receiving designated services by ensuring that their rights, interests, and viewpoints are acknowledged and acted upon.
2. Provide quality legal representation to children and youth receiving services under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.
3. Conducting investigations into systemic issues arising from the serious injury to or death of a child receiving designated services.
4. The Advocate will promote the rights, interests and viewpoints of vulnerable children through participation in processes in which decisions are made about them, and through public education.
5. Identify areas of systemic improvements in government systems that will enhance services for vulnerable children and youth.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			
		2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE					
1	Child and Youth Advocate's Office	655	760	659	**785**
2	Advocacy Services	2,508	3,114	2,961	**3,315**
3	Legal Representation for Children and Youth	4,396	4,099	4,099	**4,086**
4	Quality Assurance and Investigations	365	991	991	**1,025**
5	Systemic Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations	893	1,325	1,325	**1,371**
6	Strategic Support	1,168	1,860	1,860	**1,845**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING					
6	Strategic Support	142	75	75	**75**
Total		10,127	12,224	11,970	**12,502**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

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OPERATIONAL EXPENSE					
	NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
	Amortization	101	215	215	**241**
	Valuation adjustments	149	-	128	**128**
Total		250	215	343	**369**

OFFICE OF THE CHILD YOUTH ADVOCATE

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Child and Youth Advocate's Office	665	760	718	**844**
Advocacy Services	2,560	3,114	2,967	**3,321**
Legal Representation for Children and Youth	4,418	4,099	4,093	**4,080**
Quality Assurance and Investigations	395	991	1,008	**1,042**
Systemic Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations	922	1,325	1,329	**1,375**
Strategic Support	1,275	2,075	2,123	**2,134**
Total	10,235	12,364	12,238	**12,796**
Net Operational Result	(10,235)	(12,364)	(12,238)	**(12,796)**
CAPITAL PLAN SPENDING				
Strategic Support	142	75	75	**75**

ALBERTA

Office of the Public Interest Commissioner

PETER HOURIHAN
Public Interest Commissioner

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner serves Albertans by facilitating the disclosure and investigation of significant matters relating to departments, public entities or offices of the legislature that employees believe may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER	-	1,460	1,158	**1,274**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner facilitates the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters in or relating to departments, public entities or offices of the Legislature, that an employee believes may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest; and to protect employees who make those disclosures. The Commissioner investigates and makes recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals; promotes public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature. In carrying out these functions, the Commissioner may engage the services of any persons necessary to assist the Commissioner in discharging the duties and functions under this or any other Act or regulation.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Facilitate the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters relating to departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

Protect employees who make those disclosures in accordance with the Act.

Manage, investigate and make recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

Promote public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	-	1,460	1,158	**1,274**
Total	-	1,460	1,158	**1,274**

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Forecast	**2014-15 Estimate**
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	-	1,460	1,158	**1,274**
Net Operational Result	-	(1,460)	(1,158)	**(1,274)**